Problems in rural schools

136. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural schools are dogged by problems of teacher absenteeism, neglect of pupils from poor and disadvantaged sections and non-functioning of the inspection system;

(b) if so, the reasons identified by Government therefore;

(c) whether Government had sought any report from the States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(f) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve the situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Most of the schools in the rural area come under the purview of State Governments and their conditions vary from state to state.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Vacancy of teachers in colleges

137. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of teachers lying vacant in colleges as on date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of teachers appointed in various States during the last three years;

(d) whether the amount spent on higher education by Government has gone down while the enrolment has increased;

(e) if so, the figures thereon for last three financial years, year-wise; and

(f) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No centralized data is being maintained in regard to colleges under State Universities.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

IPR cells in universities

138. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UGC is likely to set up 50 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) cells in universities to patent discoveries on campuses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to support establishment of five IPR Cells in five Universities located in five different regions.

Enrolment in schools

139. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey conducted by the Indian Market Research Bureau has revealed that 6.94 per cent of all children aged between 6 and 13 years are not enrolled in schools across rural and urban areas;

(b) whether according to the survey, the bulk of these children estimated at 1.2 crores belong to SC/ST communities;